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Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 9713:2002), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

— the terms and definitions in Clause 3 have been revised to more accurately define the information contained within the document;

— the MRI safety assessment in Clause 7 has been revised so as to better align with the recommendations provided in the most recent MRI related ASTM standards;

— the closing force assessments in Clause 8 has been revised to better clarify the procedures;

— the sterilization and packaging clauses (Clauses 9 and 10) have been revised to align with ISO 14630 and to reduce the likelihood of future conflicts.

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Introduction

This document is intended to help to ensure that appropriate and comparable information is supplied for each clip to facilitate the choice of the correct clip by the surgeon. The closing force of the clip is an important factor in the selection process, and this document requires that the manufacturers determine the actual closing force in a uniform manner and state this value on the labelling. The actuation of some types of clip can result in a reduction of the closing force and should be considered.

Magnetic fields of considerable strength [e.g. 1,5 (tesla) or more] are used in medicine with increasing frequency as part of diagnostic techniques such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Exposure to electromagnetic field can pose a hazard to patients who have intracranial aneurysm clips. Clips with magnetic properties (either dia-, para-, antiferro-, ferro- or ferrimagnetic, or all) become magnetized when subjected to a magnetic field and under this condition are liable to directing forces. These forces can result in the clip being removed from the aneurysm that it was intended to occlude and even being moved through the tissues. Because of the very high field strengths, even materials normally regarded as non-magnetic may exhibit some response to the magnetic field, such as minimal deflection or rotation. It is therefore essential that aneurysm clips have weakly or non-magnetic properties. Compounds of certain non-magnetic elements can, when processed, have strong magnetic properties. The opposite also occurs. The work done during the manufacture can have an additional effect. However, material normally regarded as non-magnetic can exhibit some response when subjected to MRI levels of field strength. A secondary effect is that the presence of a metallic clip can interfere with the MRI process, resulting in deterioration of the quality of the scanning image.

Neurosurgical implants — Self-closing intracranial aneurysm clips

1 Scope

This document establishes the characteristics of self-closing aneurysm clips intended for permanent intracranial implantation and specifies requirements for their marking, packaging, sterilization and for labelling and accompanying documentation. In addition, it gives a method for the measurement of closing force.

This document is not applicable to malleable clips, or clips intended to be used during the course of surgery and removed before wound closure (temporary clips).

NOTE In this document when not otherwise established, the term "implant" refers to the self-closing intracranial aneurysm clips.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 5832-2, *Implants for surgery — Metallic materials — Part 2: Unalloyed titanium*

ISO 5832-3, *Implants for surgery — Metallic materials — Part 3: Wrought titanium 6-aluminium 4-vanadium alloy*

ISO 5832-5, *Implants for surgery — Metallic materials — Part 5: Wrought cobalt-chromium-tungsten-nickel alloy*

ISO 5832-6, *Implants for surgery — Metallic materials — Part 6: Wrought cobalt-nickel-chromium-molybdenum alloy*

ISO 5832-7, *Implants for surgery — Metallic materials — Part 7: Forgeable and cold-formed cobalt-chromium-nickel-molybdenum-iron alloy*

ISO 14630:2012, *Non-active surgical implants — General requirements*

ISO 15223-1, *Medical devices — Symbols to be used with information to be supplied by the manufacturer — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 17664-1, *Processing of health care products — Information to be provided by the medical device manufacturer for the processing of medical devices — Part 1: Critical and semi-critical medical devices*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document the terms and definitions given in ISO 14630 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

3.1
aneurysm clip
device primarily intended for the permanent occlusion of the neck or sac of an intracranial aneurysm

3.2
blade closing surface
blade design intended to be in contact with the vessel

3.3
closing force
force produced between the blades of the clip

3.4
nominal closing force
closing force (3.3) defined by the manufacturer for each clip model

3.5
actual closing force
closing force (3.3) measured on each clip by the manufacturer before packaging

3.6
limit of error
extreme value of measurement error, with respect to a known reference quantity value, permitted by specifications or regulations for a given measurement, measuring instrument or measuring system

Note 1 to entry: Usually, the term "maximum permissible errors" or "limits of error" is used where there are two extreme values.

Note 2 to entry: The term "tolerance" should not be used to designate "maximum permissible error".

3.7
image artefact
inappropriate image signal in a magnetic resonance image

Note 1 to entry: An image artefact can be characterized as decreased signal intensity (voids) where a signal should be produced, with or without geometric image distortion, but can also include abnormally increased signal intensity.

4 Description of aneurysm clips

4.1 Mechanism of action

The mechanism of action for the clip shall be specified.

The illustrations of examples of clip mechanisms of action are shown in Figure 1.

4.2 Geometry

The geometry of the clip, including the blade geometry shall be specified.

The diagrammatic representation (not to scale) of some examples of clip forms is indicated in Figure 2.

4.3 Blade closing surface

The shape and geometric characteristics of the blade closing surface shall be described.

5 Indication of dimensions

The following dimensions of clips and components shall be indicated:

a) the overall length;

b) the length of the blades;

c) the width of the blades giving, as appropriate, the width (disregarding any radius or taper at the tip) of blades of uniform width, the minimum and maximum widths of non-uniform blades, and the overall width of fenestrated blades;

d) the internal diameter of any encircling or encompassing portions of the clip.

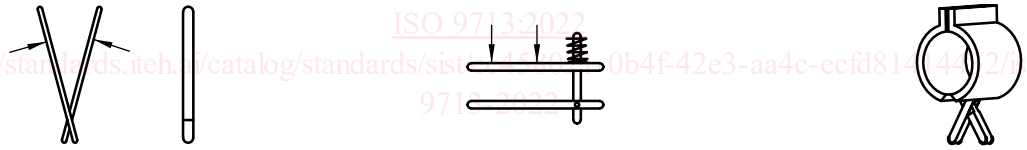
The variety of designs of clip does not make it feasible to specify the points between which the blade length should be measured. Manufacturers should indicate these points clearly on all diagrams. Examples of indication of dimensions are given in Figure 3. The diagrams are for illustration only and do not indicate a definitive requirement.

It is suggested that the blade length be indicated as that portion of the jaw which comes into contact with the other jaw when the clip is closed without a vessel in place or, for encircling clips, the longitudinal internal dimension of the clip when closed.

6 Materials

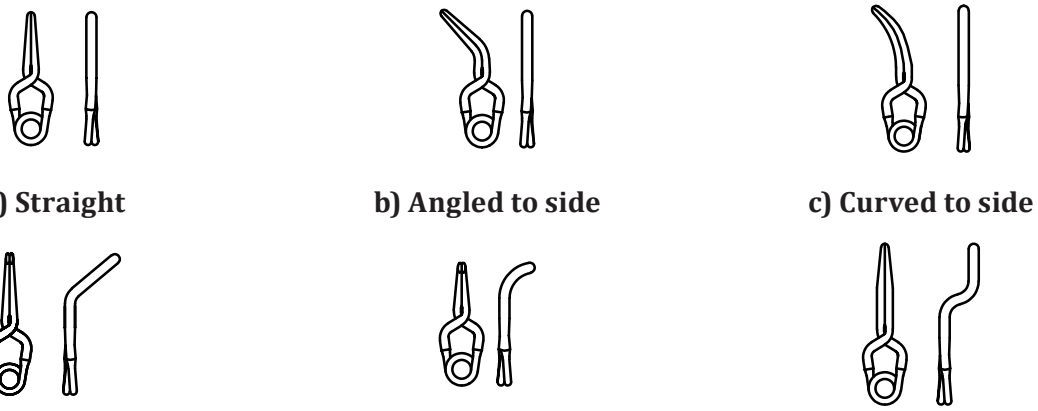
The materials shall comply with the requirements of ISO 5832-2, ISO 5832-3, ISO 5832-5, ISO 5832-6 or ISO 5832-7.

Stainless steel is excluded as a material for aneurysm clips.



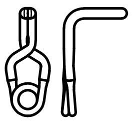
a) Alligator action **b) Parallel action** **c) Encircling action**

Figure 1 — Examples of clip mechanisms action

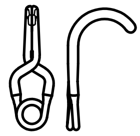


a) Straight **b) Angled to side** **c) Curved to side**

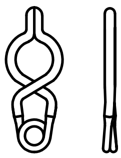
d) Angled on flat **e) Curved on flat** **f) Bayonet**



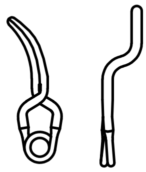
g) Right-angled



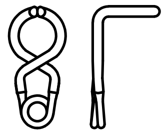
h) J-shaped



i) Fenestrated



j) Combination: Curvated bayonet

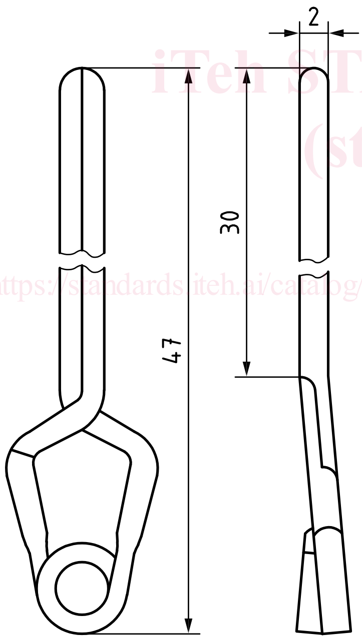


k) Fenestrated right angle

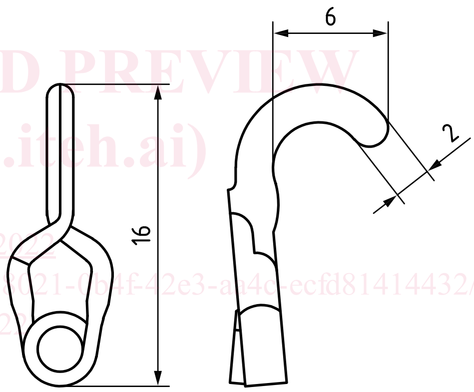
NOTE The figures are not to scale.

Figure 2 — Examples of clip forms

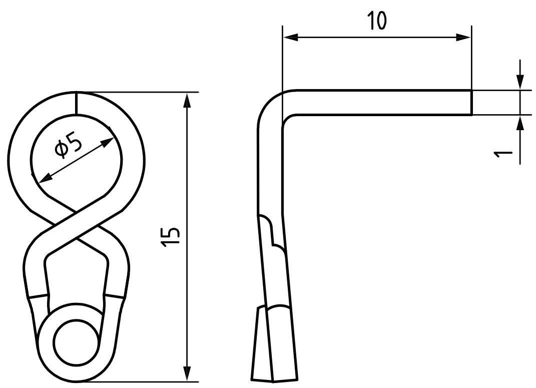
Dimensions in millimetres



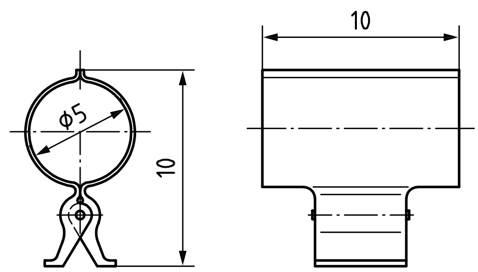
a) Straight



b) Curved on flat



c) Fenestrated right-angled



d) Encircling action